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In re Application of Julius *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/721,904
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Title: INDUCTION OF ANTIBIOTIC PROTEINS AND PEPTIDES
BY LAIT/sCD14-PROTEIN
Art Unit: 1632
Examiner: Valarie Bertoglio
Atty's Docket No.: 47841/00063

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20331
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting the following as the first paragraph of the description:

C' This application is a continuation application of international patent application No. PCT/CA 99/000482, filed May 27, 1999, designating the United States. Each of these applications claim the benefit of priority of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/086,884 filed May 27, 1998, which application is incorporated herein by reference. International patent application No. PCT/CA 99/00482 was published in English under Article 21 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty under WO 99/61468 on December 2, 1999 without the International Search Report, and again under WO 99/61468 on April 6, 2000 with the International Search Report.

Should any Patent Office Official want to telephone, the call should be made to John C. Hunt (Registration No. 36,424) at (416) 863-4344.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Hunt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Hunt".

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